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and true inspiration for any woman out there who has ever thought about running for public office. We should all strive to be the kind of public servant Marie has been.

Marie leaves the 89th district that she has so dutifully and proudly represented since 1997. The people of Madison, Laurel and her home, Jackson will miss her dedicated service, but I know they will also gladly welcome her home.

Please join me in thanking Marie for her service and wishing her the best as she departs the legislature.

Accident
occurred on Kentucky 30 approximately 5 miles northeast of London early Saturday morning December 16 at approximately 3:41 am. Captain Johnson reports that a pickup truck and a car collided on Kentucky 30.

The GMC pickup was driven by Riley T. Parker, age 21, of Tyner. He was transported to Saint Joseph's Hospital London. The other vehicle was a Hyundai driven by the 17-year-old female from London. The cause of the crash remains under investigation. Assisting at the scene was Deputy Shannon Jones and Sergeant John Inman of the Laurel County Sheriff's Office.

Also assisting was: Ambulance Inc. of Laurel County, London Laurel Rescue Squad, East Bernstadt Fire Dept., Justin Noe with Laurel County Public Safety, Laurel County Coroner's Office and PHI helicopter. At press time, there was no additional information as to the extent of the 17-year-old and the Tyner man's injuries sustained in the crash.

Safe
awareness efforts.
"It is an honor to stand before those who serve and protect the citizens of the Commonwealth," said Judge Stephens. "We will never know the number of lives saved and victims spared by your efforts to stop drunk and drugged drivers. When I see a law enforcement officer, I see a friend. You have my utmost respect and admiration.

I thank you for your service, I thank God for you and I pray for your own safety and protection."

The KOHS, Kentucky State Police and other law enforcement agencies are partnering for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over holiday enforcement campaign Dec. 14, 2017, through Jan. 1, 2018. The campaign is funded through NHTSA, which says high-visibility enforcement reduces impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent.

Sheriff serious injury and have kept all the possessions we have worked to accumulate. Life has a way of taking our joy, if we let it. But, if we remember to be thankful for all the blessings, we can enjoy the season with smiles and good cheer, even in trying times like these.

This week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office will finalize the preparations for our Stuff the Cruiser project. We have received so many wonderful gifts from good people all over the county. They do not seek recognition, but simply want to see smiles on the faces of some of our most needy children. Volunteers and High School students give their time and energy to wrap the presents and prepare them for the day when our officers receive the high honor to deliver them to children all over the county. All of us simply want to bring hope and happiness to families who are struggling. Thank everyone who helped us make Christmas special!

This is the season when thieves and burglars are on the prowl. Every year someone becomes a victim of thefts or burglaries in our county.

Here are a few ideas to keep those Christmas Grinch's from ruining Christmas for your family.

1. Be sure to lock doors any time you leave the residence.
2. It is a good idea to leave a TV or radio running if you leave.
3. Don't display all presents where they are easily seen when everyone is away from home.
4. Call our

office if you will be away from home for the holidays. We will try to patrol in your area to deter people who want to take what does not belong to them.

Last week the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to sixty-nine calls for service. We investigated eight traffic accidents, and arrested one individual on various charges. We served many civil and criminal papers and continued collecting property taxes.

Our hope and our trust is in Jesus Christ, the reason for the season! All the personnel at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office wish you and your families the best Christmas ever! Thank you and may God Bless us All!

Judge
Hays informed on anything that comes up. So far things are running smooth. I have an Executive Order ready for whenever I make the appointment.

We have tightened our belt in several areas of the budget this year and it's beginning to show on our financial statements. Progress has been made. Bills continue to come in though and we may have to address more cuts in the near future. We still owe Kentucky Retirement around \$500,000 from payments that the former Treasurer failed to make. This is the last of the financial mess that was created by her failure to perform her duties as everything else that was owed from that has been paid. We were able to pay over \$400,000 worth of old bills in this prior year without raising taxes. This came by managing money efficiently in every avenue of the budget. I will be meeting soon with Financial Advisors in Frankfort to seek an answer to our particular Retirement issue.

The positive things that we have seen this year are many. Many jobs have been made and sustained since the beginning of 2017. Well over 200 jobs at Teleworks, over 100 at Senture, and many more from Phillips Diversified, Phoenix Products and other companies have come into Jackson County this year. We are

headed in the right direction with job creation and sustaining and hope it only improves.

We have saw improvements made towards running water availability. There is a project in process now to bring water lines into areas and on roads that haven't had this kind of service offered before. Crews are building a tower on McCammon Ridge now to supply these new customers.

Water lines toward Sand Gap are being installed as well. It's always a good thing when more of our citizens are offered running water.

We have made strides in road improvement this year as well. We were able to have asphalt laid on 20 different roads totaling over 13000.00 tons. We still have many to repair and hope to make another good stride towards better County roads in the coming year.

I feel like overall we were able to do good this past year. From time to time opportunities arise and when they do I pray we are in the position to make the best out of them. I have all kinds of ideas that I look at daily but we must be able to sustain anything we get and weigh out the costs of whatever it is.

Progress is what we are after and I plan to continue in pursuit of it

Candidates Begin Filing for May Primary Elections

According to information obtained from Jackson County Clerk Donald "Duck" Moore, the following candidates and sitting officials have filed in the May 28, 2018 primary election as of December 18, 2017.

- Circuit Clerk: Doris Kay Ward and W. Ryan Judd.
- Constable #1: Johnnie Peters.
- County Judge Exec: Shane Gabbard.
- Constable #2: Steve Gill.
- Sheriff: Paul S. Hays and Tim Fee.
- Constable #3: Billy "Buck" Abner and Thomas Ray Jones.
- PVA: Paul N. Rose.
- Magistrate #1: Danny Todd.
- Jailer: Michael "Magoo" Smith and Charles "Charlie" Russell.
- Magistrate #2: Dale Vaughn.
- County Clerk: Donald "Duck" Moore.
- Magistrate #3: Garvin Baker.
- County Attorney: Ross E. Murray.

Two candidates have filed to run in the 89th District for State Representative according to the Kentucky State Board of Elections. They are Carlos Cameron and Robert Goforth.

Senator Albert Robinson's Legislative Update

The season of frigid nights, warm gatherings, and good cheer is upon us as we prepare for 2018. This year was a whirlwind in the General Assembly as we passed historic legislation in the 2017 Session, held insightful policy discussions across the Commonwealth during the Interim, and analyzed proposed pension reform.

The year was momentous for the Commonwealth of Kentucky as we passed historic legislation that will positively impact the state for years to come. Education, Right-to-Work, charter schools, prevailing wage, pension transparency, and medical review panels were just a few of the major bills that we passed this year and became law upon the signature of the Governor.

During the Interim, we heard from a number of entities about proposed legislation and budgetary items for the upcoming session. Without a doubt, the budget will be tight this year as we face a multi-billion dollar shortfall in the pension system—an issue that will no doubt be at the forefront of the session. We hope that pension reform of some type can be achieved in order to stave off the bleeding of funds into the pension system from other essential areas of government, such as education and the judicial system.

There are many difficult decisions ahead, and I ask for your input and support throughout the 2018 Legislative Session as we confront some of Kentucky's biggest financial hurdles. If you are interested in following the happenings of the Kentucky General Assembly, there are avenues through which you can keep track of daily proceedings. The Legislative Research Commission's website hosts the committee meeting schedule and allows you to find and track proposed legislation. The hashtag #kyga18 will also likely be used by legislators and advocates alike. Another great resource is the Kentucky Educational Television channel (KET) which livestreams both committee meetings and the session. You can watch it online at ket.org or on your local KET-KY station.

I appreciate the many questions and comments I have received this year about policy issues facing the Commonwealth. I am looking forward to being in my district during the holidays spending time with family and friends while preparing for the upcoming 2018 Session. I hope you and your family have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TO THE CITIZENS OF JACKSON COUNTY

In July of 2000, Jackson County enacted a Mandatory Ordinance for Trash Pickup. The ordinance applies to every household in Jackson County. Anyone not on trash service can be cited for being out of compliance with this ordinance, which can result in a result in a court appearance a fine or both. It is also illegal to Burn Trash in Jackson County and can result in a fine.

Citizens who wish to haul their own trash may do so by registering at the transfer station as a self disposer. Once registered, they are required to pay on their first visit each month and can come in as many times as they choose for that month. Their name and weight totals are kept on file and updated on each visit.w

The cost as a self disposer is \$12.00 per month or they have an option of paying \$132.00 for a year in advance. If this option is choosen, they receive a free month of service in their service year. The trash weight limit is 300lbs per month. If this weight limit is exceeded, there is an additional charge of .04 cents per pound.

We also have (3) permitted haulers serving Jackson County residents and businessess in specific assigned areas. These haulers are permitted to haul trash in their permitted areas only. The cost for this service is \$14.00 per month for each residence and customers are allowed to dispose up to (5)-33 gallon trash bags per week. It is the customers responsibility to keep trash secure at all times.

For more information on your assigned hauler, or to file a complaint against a hauler or a non-compliant resident, please call the transfer station at (606) 287-7688.

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